

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 1999-323-C - ORDER NO. 2008-824
DECEMBER 18, 2008

IN RE: Application of Access Integrated Networks,) ORDER APPROVING
Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications for a) CHANGE OF COMPANY
Certificate of Public Convenience and) NAME
Necessity to Provide Local Exchange and)
Interexchange Telecommunications Services)
Statewide)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”) on the application, filed October 23, 2008, of Access Integrated Networks, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications (“AIN” or the “Company”) (f/k/a Access Integrated Networks, Inc.)¹ for approval of a name change. AIN currently holds a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services in South Carolina pursuant to the authority granted by Commission Order No. 1999-801, dated November 15, 1999.

Upon AIN’s filing, the Commission’s Docketing Department instructed the Company to publish a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the areas affected by the name change request. AIN complied with this instruction and provided the Commission with proof of publication of the Notice of Filing. The purpose of the Notice was to provide notification of the present proceeding to any interested parties and to advise interested parties of the manner and time in which to file pleadings to

¹ See Commission Order No. 2008-331, dated May 1, 2008, issued in Docket Nos. 1999-323-C and 2000-265-C.

participate in the docket. No protests or Petitions to Intervene were filed in this matter.

The matter now comes before the Commission for disposition.

By request filed October 23, 2008, AIN seeks approval to change the Company's name under which it will provide telecommunications services in South Carolina to Birch Communications, Inc. According to AIN, the proposed name change will be invisible to the Company's South Carolina customers as the change will not affect the rates, terms or conditions of service currently being provided to the Company's customers. AIN files with the Company's request a copy of an Amended Certificate of Authority by a Foreign Corporation to Transact Business in South Carolina by the South Carolina Secretary of State.

After review and consideration of AIN's request, the Commission concludes that the request for approval of a change in the Company's name should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

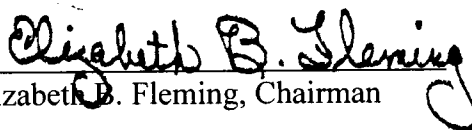
1. The application for approval of a change in the name of Access Integrated Networks, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications is approved, and accordingly, the Commission's records will hereby be amended to reflect the Company's new name of Birch Communications, Inc.

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2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:


John E. Howard, Vice Chairman
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